



**MAYOR'S REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE
PRESENTED: 06 July 2021**

Traffic Congestion; East Baltimore Street @ Eastern Avenue: My phone calls and letter to the owner of Dunkin Donuts has resulted in good communication with Tilak Patel. I will be meeting later this week on site with the owner as Dunkin will be issuing a new traffic que plan for consideration.

Train engines idling for extended periods: I have received complaints of stationary trains engines' idling on the second track near residences, sometimes occurring for hours. Has the Borough office received such reports? Greencastle contacted Norfolk Southern years ago about the same concerns that were mitigated.

Greencastle Business Development / Expansions: Again I am pleased to see new businesses in Greencastle. Recently, the G-A Chamber of Commerce held two ribbon cutting ceremonies. Welcome to Greencastle.

Updates: I was pleased to author a letter to the Franklin County Planning Commission on June 28, 2021 endorsing Greencastle CDBG grant application for additional handicapped ramps at various intersections. On June 8, I attended the Antrim Township Supervisor's annual storm water meeting held at the Kauffman Ruritan building. The meeting was brief as there are no plans to enact a storm water fee for Township property owners during this permit cycle that ends in 2023. My special thanks to the members, past and present, of the G-A Lioness Club as, after 42 years, they disbanded June 30. During those years they raised over \$400,000 to support the G-A community.

Getting Help for Addiction: Again I encourage anyone battling addiction challenges to seek help by contacting Kay Martin at the Greencastle Police Department.

Replacement of ornamental lights on Center Square: Last year I suggest a project partnering with the G-A Chamber of Commerce to replace the ornamental lights that were erected around Center Square in 1988. Funds were donated from businesses and individuals for the project. By replacing with LED lights you would only need two or three per quadrant. This would be a great project and partnership with a goal to have new lights installed by Old Home Week 2022. I would be happy to be involved with a fund raising effort.

Have a safe Summer: Lots of baseball at the Jerome R. King Playground to enjoy from the bleachers or from your lawn chair. The American Legion team has returned and welcome back. Congratulations to our little league teams for successful seasons as the 10 and 13 year old levels advanced in tournament play. Enjoy the Summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr.